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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

As you may know I am doing some work on the effect of isotopes on mutation, using *Neurospora* to date. I would like to try some modified experiments using bacteria and in hoping you might be able to give me a culture of *E. coli*, probably K12 or if there is another strain that would be better perhaps you'd send both.

When I was in Madison I learned that the velvet used in the replica plating is quite important - where could I get a velvet which would work?

I sincerely hope I'm not inconveniencing you too much by these requests.

Sincerely yours,

Frank T. Hungate